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# *Press Release*

## **SJC Upholds 2002 Stoughton Murder**

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Massachusetts' Supreme Judicial Court yesterday (Oct. 16, 2008) affirmed the first-degree murder conviction of Jamaal Lee Haith for stabbing and strangling Stoughton businessman Manuel Andrade.

District Attorney William R. Keating said that he was pleased but not surprised by the SJC ruling.

"Homicide Chief Robert Nelson put in a very strong case at trial, and Assistant District Attorney Pamela Alford was very skillful handling this at the SJC," District Attorney Keating said. "Their efforts have served justice well."

Haith (DOB 7-19-1978) and Zeno Williams (DOB: 08-17-1981), the mother of Haith's two children, entered Andrade's apartment off Wheeler Circle with Haith pretending to be a maintenance worker investigating a leak. Once inside, Haith tried to snap Andrade's neck and called to Williams for a weapon as the two men struggled; she supplied him with the screw driver that Williams stabbed into Andrade's head until he stopped resisting. Then Williams asphyxiated him with an electrical cord.

Haith and Williams, who was several months pregnant at the time, were convicted of first-degree murder in separate trials in Sept. 2004 and (for Williams) March 2005 and both sentenced to life in prison. Her appeal is still pending.

*Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.*